

## **General Rules & Discipline:**

**Rules:** Nice hands, nice mouth, nice feet, nice me. I keep my hands to myself. I have courtesy and show respect! These rules are learned verbatim and repeated daily. When a child chooses to misbehave the child is reminded of the R House rules during the explanation process.

1. **No physical misconduct.**

ie: Kicking; hitting; biting; throwing toys; pushing; pinching; physically aggressive behavior out of anger; wrestling without direct supervision, no shooting at people, etc.

2. **No verbal misconduct.**

ie: Back talk; name calling; foul language, including "mean", "stupid", "hate"; disrespectful words of any kind toward anyone or about anyone; nothing is said out of anger. This includes gossip!

*Note: Anger is a normal emotion, but learning how to vent it is important!*

3. We always use "please" and "thank you" & "I'm sorry" and "your forgiven or "that's ok" "excuse me" and we use table manners like "Please can I be excused", etc.

Manner's are a must at R House! We utilize sign language for shy children and others under the age of two.

4. Our discipline is never harsh or demeaning. If the child's conduct is hurtful in any way, the child will be expected to apologize, and then be forgiven. We follow this general guideline/example:

1. Verbal warning "We have nice hands - we don't take toys away from our friends - we need to find something else to play with or ask nicely for them to share."

2. Time out warning "You need to have nice hands, if you take a toy again, you will have to change stations or sit out."

3. Removal for Time Out.

*Repetitive time-outs for the same thing will then result in.....*

4. A specific "fun time" will be eliminated for that day. An individual talk with Rhonda will generall take place.

*If behavior is constant then .....*

5. Parent conference will be suggested for repetitive negative behavior.

**Note:** If the misconduct is major they will be removed immediately from the other children. Tantrums are handled the same. We take away the audience.